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E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: XA, RO  
SUBJECT: ROMANIAN AFRICAN POLICY

1. EMBOFFS CALLED ON MFA'S COUNSELOR FOR SOUTH AND EAST  
AFRICAN AFFAIRS 22 JUNE IN VIEW OF HIGHER PROFILE AFRICA  
SEEMS TO BE TAKING IN ROMANIA'S RECENT FOREIGN POLICY PRO-  
NOUNCEMENTS. ALTHOUGH GUARDED, BEC MADE A FEW COMMENTS  
WHICH MAY BE WORTH PASSING ON.

2. AS HE EXPLAINED ROMANIAN POLICY IN AFRICA, IT APPEARS  
TO BE BASED ON TWO MUTUALLY EXCLUSIVE PRINCIPLES. THE  
FIRST IS THAT AFRICAN PROBLEMS MUST BE SOLVED BY THE  
AFRICANS THEMSELVES WITH NO INTERFERENCE FROM OUTSIDERS.  
ALLUDING TO THE SEVEN YEARS HE SPENT IN AFRICA, HE SAID  
THAT HIS AFRICAN FRIENDS HAD TOLD HIM THEY WANTED NO ONE  
ELSE "TO DO THEIR DYING FOR THEM". ON THE OTHER HAND  
IT IS NECESSARY TO HELP THE "REAL AFRICANS" AND ROMANIA  
IS PROVIDING "POLITICAL AND MATERIAL" AID TO LIBERATION  
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MOVEMENTS. HE TACITLY ADMITTED TO THE RECENT MUGABE VISIT  
TO ROMANIA BUT DID NOT OFFER ANY INFORMATION ON ITS PURPOSE.  
HE ALSO SIDESTEPED A QUESTION ON THE ACCREDITATION  
OF THE ZANU REPRESENTATIVE IN BUCHAREST. (ACCORDING TO  
OTHER INFORMATION, LIKE THE PLO REPRESENTATIVE HERE HE IS  
ACCREDITED TO THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE, RATHER THAN TO THE  
ROMANIAN GOVERNMENT.) WHILE DISCUSSING THE VARIOUS

RHODESIAN LEADERS HE ADMITTED, SOMEWHAT RELUCTANTLY, THAT THE INTERNAL GROUP ALSO HAS A POPULAR FOLLOWING.

3. BEC THOUGHT THAT THE INTER-AFRICAN FORCE BEING FORMED IS A MISTAKE, ESPECIALLY AS DRIVING FORCE BEHIND IT IS NOT AFRICAN. HE CALLED IT A FRENCH FORCE. IN ANSWER TO A QUESTION, HE IMPLIED THAT ROMANIA MIGHT BE MORE FAVORABLE TO A U.N. SPONSORED FORCE.

4. HE CAREFULLY AVOIDED ANY CATEGORICAL STATEMENTS ABOUT CUBAN ROLE IN AFRICA OR HOW CUBA'S ACTIVITIES ARE AFFECTING ITS STATUS IN THE NAM. HOWEVER, HE DID SAY THAT HIS GOVERNMENT "COULD NOT COMMEND" CUBA'S AFRICAN ROLE.

5. COMMENT: BEC'S JUSTIFICATION OF HIS GOVERNMENT'S DOUBLE STANDARD SEEMED TO BE THAT IT WAS SIMPLY A MATTER OF TIME BEFORE NAMIBIA AND RHODESIA WON THEIR "INDEPENDENCE", THAT THE NEW STATES WOULD BE EVENTUALLY RUN BY TODAY'S LIBERATION MOVEMENTS, AND THAT IT WOULDN'T HUR FOR ROMANIA TO BE ON THE WINNING SIDE.

6. FOR DEPT. PLEASE REPEAT TO APPROPRIATE POSTS AS DESIRED.  
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